The Ministry of Environmental Protection Will Invest 62 Million ₪ in Be'er Sheva

The Waste Revolution in the South is Underway

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The Government approved today (November 9), a draft resolution for the development and strengthening of Be'er Sheva – the core city of the Southern Metropolitan Area. The decision includes significant environmental i
the city and its vicinity, totaling 62 million ₪.

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As part of this, the Ministry of Environmental Protection will allocate 54 million ₪ to support the Be'er Sheva Municipality for preparedness, planning, waste treatment, and separation into different streams. The goal is to reduce the waste currently transferred to landfill. An additional 5 million ₪ will be earmarked for the establishment of a Re-Newal Center (Mikhdush - Upgrading Recycling) in the city, and another 3 million ₪ will be invested in establishing a training and placement program for advanced degree graduates who will serve as Sustainability and Innovation Fellows.

Idit Silman, Minister of Environmental Protection: "The Government's decision today represents another step in building smart environmental infrastructures for the State of Israel, and in the Negev region in particular. Alongside investment in sustainable innovation, the Ministry is vigorously continuing the waste revolution: transitioning from waste landfilling to advanced treatment, energy recovery, and an economy based on sustainable economics. This move will strengthen the local economy, reduce environmental hazards, and promote Israel's transition to a cleaner and healthier circular economy".

Support for Initiatives

- Support for the Be'er Sheva Municipality's Preparedness for Transferring Waste from Landfill to Energy Recovery – The Ministry of Environmental Protection will allocate up to 54 million ₪ to support the Be'er Sheva Municipality, as part of the preparedness of the municipality and the entire region for the transition from current waste landfilling to advanced waste treatment, simultaneously with energy recovery, at a facility being established with the Ministry's support in Ne'ot Hovav. This budget will enable the upgrading of infrastructure for source separation of waste, upgrading recycling infrastructure, and assistance with operation.
- Establishment of a Re-Newal Center (Mikhdush - Upgrading Recycling) in Be'er Sheva – The Ministry of Environmental Protection will allocate, through the Cleanliness Maintenance Fund, an amount of up to 5 million ₪ to the Be'er Sheva Municipality for the establishment of an innovative Re-Newal system for treating scraps, furniture, and quality bulky waste. The initiative will include a collection system, a Re-Newal workshop open to the public, and a showroom and sales hall. The goal is to help reduce landfilling, encourage reuse and sustainable consumption, and transform waste into an economic and social resource. The center is expected to serve as a metropolitan hub, promote local employment, and implement a culture of circular economy in the South.

- Implementing Sustainability in Leading Organizations in the Be'er Sheva Sub-district – The Ministry of Environmental Protection will allocate 3 million ₪ for the establishment of a Sustainability and Innovation Fellows program, which will integrate graduates with advanced research degrees into field roles within public, business, and municipal bodies in the region. The Fellows will lead environmental and innovative initiatives in collaboration with academia and industry, contribute to promoting sustainable growth, creating quality employment opportunities, and strengthening the social-economic resilience of the South. In this way, the program will strengthen human capital in Israel and in the South in particular, and assist in implementing innovation, a key engine for regional sustainable development.

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